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SUMMARY. IN PRE-DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE WITH
JAPANESE MEDIA, PRIMIN FUKUDA STATED THERE ARE NO
LARGE BILATERAL PROBLEMS BETWEEN US AND JAPAN. RATHER,
WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS WILL FOCUS ON WHAT JAPAN AND US
CAN DO JOINTLY FOR WORLD'S SAKE. IN DISCUSSING WASHINGTON
AGENDA ITEMS, HE STRESSED STABILIZATION OF WORLD
ECONOMY, LONGER TERM RESOURCE AND ENERGY MATTERS;
IMPORTANCE JAPAN ATTACHES TO CONTROL OF NUCLEAR
WEAPONS AND CONVENTION ARMS TRANSFERS; MAINTENANCE OF ASIAN
STABILITY; AND IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUED US INFLUENCE IN ASIA.
END SUMMARY.

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1. PRIMIN FUKUDA MARCH 16 HELD PRE-DEPARTURE PRESS
CONFERENCE WITH JAPANESE MEDIA. DESCRIBING JAPAN'S
FUNDAMENTAL POSTURE TOWARD WASHINGTON TALKS, FUKUDA
SAID THERE ARE NO LARGE US-JAPANESE BILATERAL ISSUES AT
PRESENT. IF THERE IS ONE, IT WOULD BE THE ISSUE OF PEACE-
FUL USE OF ATOMIC ENERGY (I.E., REPROCESSING), BUT NO

CONCLUSIONS ARE LIKELY TO EMERGE FROM TALKS. HE UNDERScoreD PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING NATIONS IN WAKE OF OIL SHOCK AND IN MIDST OF WORLDWIDE ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN, SAYING TALKS WOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WHAT US AND JAPAN COULD DO JOINTLY FOR SAKE OF WORLD.

2. FUKUDA SAID PRESENT PROBLEMS INCLUDE WHAT TO DO ABOUT WORLD ECONOMY. LINKING EXPANSION OF PROTECTIONISM DIRECTLY WITH POLITICAL CONFUSION, FUKUDA SAID HE HOPED TO DISCUSS HOW PROTECTIONIST TRENDS COULD BE AVOIDED. REFERRING TO LONGER TERM ISSUES, FUKUDA STRESSED LIMITATIONS ON NATURAL RESOURCE SUPPLIES, ADDING WITHIN TEN YEARS PROBLEM WOULD BECOME MUCH MORE SERIOUS. HE SAID HE ALSO PLANNED TO TAKE UP WITH PRESIDENT EXPLOITATION OF NEW ENERGY SOURCES.

3. THIRD, FUKUDA LISTED ISSUE OF WORLD PEACE. HE SAID JAPAN, SUBSCRIBING TO ITS THREE NON-NUCLEAR PRINCIPLES, WAS IN UNIQUE POSITION TO SPEAK OUT ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND CONVENTIONAL ARMS. HE SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS BROADLY ISSUE OF PEACE IN NUCLEAR AGE.

4. FUKUDA SAID HE WOULD ALSO DISCUSS ASIAN STABILITY. HE NOTED THAT ASEAN COUNTRIES HAD ASKED HIM TO TELL PRESIDENT THAT AMERICA SHOULD NOT CHANGE ITS ASIAN MILITARY AND ECONOMIC PRESENCE. FUKUDA SAID HE PLANNED TO DISCUSS WHAT US AND JAPAN COULD DO FOR ASIAN STABILITY.

5. FUKUDA SAID, BECAUSE CATER ADMINISTRATION NOW CONSIDERING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PAST POLICIES AND NEW ONES HAD NOT YET BEEN FORMULATED, IT WAS A GOOD TIME TO GET JAPAN'S VIEWPOINT ACROSS.

6. FUKUDA SAID THAT AS RESULT OF TALKS, THERE WOULD BE NO ADDITIONAL OBLIGATIONS RELATED TO MUTUAL SECURITY TREATY, BUT ADDED THAT FOR JAPAN TO PLAY ROLE ON WORLD STAGE WAS NATURAL, NOT A BURDEN.

7. FUKUDA SAID HE AGREED WITH AMERICA'S CONCERN ABOUT PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS 100 PERCENT, BUT NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES SHOULD NOT BE OBSTRUCTED. HE ADDED HE WOULD PUT ACROSS THIS POINT FIRMLY.

8. WITHDRAWAL OF US GROUND TROOPS FROM ROK, FUKUDA SAID, WAS FUNDAMENTALLY A US-ROK PROBLEM. HE CONTINUED THAT ASIA HAD FOUND A NEW STABILITY IN POST-VIETNAM PERIOD. FUKUDA SAID HE WOULD FRANKLY STATE THAT UPSET OF DELICATE BALANCE ON KOREAN PENINSULA, WHERE INTERESTS OF FOUR GREAT POWERS (US, PRC, USSR AND JAPAN) COME TOGETHER,

WOULD MEAN TROUBLE FOR JAPAN. SPEAKING TO TRADE IMBALANCE
ISSUE, PRIMIN SAID IGNORING MATTER POSES DANGER OF
INCREASING PROTECTIONISM. TO AVOID THIS, IT WAS NECESSARY
FOR BOTH SIDES TO EXERCISE CAUTION. HE SAID HE THOUGHT
SPECIFIC ISSUES OF COLOR TELEVISION AND STEEL WOULD NOT
BE RAISED IN HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH PRESIDENT. TO EXTENT
POSSIBLE, FUKUDA SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO MAINTAIN MORE
EVEN BALANCE OF TRADE. HOWEVER, HE THOUGHT OF THIS IN
MULTILATERAL RATHER THAN BILATERAL CONTEXT. BUT, HE
CONTINUED, JAPAN MUST RESTRAIN ITS TRADE SURPLUSES VIS A
VIS WORLD.

9. FUKUDA SAID HE DID NOT PLAN TO RAISE HUMAN RIGHTS
ISSUE, BUT IT IS POSSIBLE US MAY WISH TO DO SO. FUKUDA
SAID IT HIS FUNDAMENTAL VIEW THAT HUMAN RIGHTS MUST BE
RIGOROUSLY PROTECTED, BUT WHEN THIS PRINCIPLE IS APPLIED
TO DIPLOMACY A VARIETY OF DELICATE PROBLEMS APPEAR.
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10. REFERRING TO LONG PENDING JAPAN-CHINA PEACE AND
FRIENDSHIP TREATY, FUKUDA SAID THERE HAS ALREADY BEEN TOO
MUCH DISCUSSION ABOUT IT AND THAT PROGRESS MIGHT STEM
FROM SILENCE. AS FOR US-JAPAN CHINA POLICY, FUKUDA
SAID IT WOULD BE DISCUSSED AS PART OF OVERALL ASIAN REVIEW.

11. COMMENT: FUKUDA HAS BEEN OVER MUCH OF THIS GROUND BEFORE.
WHILE JAPANESE PRIME MINISTERS IN APPROACHING EARLIER SUMMIT
MEETINGS INCREASINGLY WIDENED THEIR FOCUS BEYOND PURELY
BILATERAL ISSUES, WE HAVE IMPRESSION THIS FIRST TIME A
JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER HAS TALKED OF WHAT US AND JAPAN CAN DO
JOINTLY TO RESOLVE WORLDWIDE ISSUES.
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